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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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TOWN OF TYNGSBOROUGH,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1st, 1874.

To the Citizens of the Town of Tyngsborough:

The School Committee present for your consideration the following Report of our schools, for the year ending April 1st, 1874.

DIVISION No. 1.

Miss Ella A. Teague, of East Boston, teacher. Length of school, 4 months. Wages of teacher per month, $24. Whole number of scholars, 24. Average attendance, 21. Number under 5 years of age, 3. Over 15 years, 1.

Winter term taught in Winslow Academy. Miss Teague's success in this school was very good. There was excellent progress and deportment exhibited at the close of the term.

DIVISION No. 2.

Summer term. Miss Ella Wilcox, of New Braintree, Mass., teacher. Length of school, 3 months. Wages of teacher per month, $24. Whole number of scholars, 10. Average attendance, 8. Number under 5 years of age, 1. Over 15 years, 0.

Miss Wilcox is a firm and quiet teacher. The scholars under her charge made good progress, and the examination exhibited good success and satisfaction to all who witnessed it.

Winter term. Miss Ella A. Teague, teacher. Length of school, 8 months. Wages of teacher per month, $30. Whole number of scholars, 21. Average attendance, 19 3-4. Number under 5 years of age, 0. Over 15 years, 10.

Miss Teague's success in this school was very great. The deportment was excellent, the progress very great, and the closing examination interesting, pleasant, and agreeable to all who witnessed it.

DIVISION No. 3.

Summer term. Miss Myra J. Felker, of Tyngsborough, teacher. Length of school, 3 1-2 months. Wages of teacher per month, $24. Whole number of scholars, 12. Average attendance, 9. Number under 5 years of age, 1. Over 15, 0.

Miss Felker is an excellent teacher. Her labors were rewarded with excellent progress, good deportment, and a final examination creditable to both teacher and scholars.

Winter term. Miss Catherine J. Davis, of Tyngsborough, teacher. Length of school, 3 months. Wages of teacher per month, $32. Whole number of scholars, 16. Average attendance, 12 1-2. Number under 5 years of age, 0. Over 15 years, 4.

Miss Davis is a teacher of long experience. Her school was much broken up and disturbed by sickness, and the progress was not as good as it would otherwise have been.

DIVISION No. 4.

Miss Emma J. Burnham, of Nashua, N. H., teacher. Length of school, 4 months. Wages of teacher per month, $24. Whole number of scholars, 20. Average attendance, 15. Number under 5 years of age, 2. Over 15 years, 0. Winter term taught in Winslow Academy.

Miss Burnham labored under some difficulties in this school, nevertheless she succeeded in making good progress in her school. There were over twenty visitors at the close of the term, and all were well pleased with the progress exhibited at the examination. With a fair share of experience she is destined to be one of our best teachers.

DIVISION No. 5.

Miss Almira A. Bancroft, of Tyngsborough, teacher. Length of school, 4 months. Wages of teacher per month, $24. Whole number of scholars, 8. Average attendance, 5 1-2. No scholars under 5 or over 15 years of age. Winter term taught in Winslow Academy.

Miss Bancroft is an old and experienced teacher; order and quiet reign in her school. Her progress is always good, her examinations the best. Her reputation is that of a first class teacher.

DIVISION No. 6.

Summer term. Miss L. Ardena Johnson, of Lowell, Mass., teacher. Length of school, 3 months. Wages of teacher per month, $24. Whole number of scholars, 6. Average attendance, 5 1-2. No scholars under 5, and 1 over 15 years of age.

Miss Johnson is one of our best teachers. She wins the love and respect of the scholars, preserves good order, and her examinations are always among the best we witness.

Winter term. Miss Hatttie A. Johnson, of Lowell, Mass., teacher. Length of school, 3 months. Wages of teacher per month, $32. Whole number of scholars, 13. Average attendance, 11 1-3. Number of scholars under 5 years of age, 0. Over 15 years, 6.

Too much cannot be said in favor of Miss Johnson as a teacher. Her discipline is of the best kind, and her examination exhibits a progress which is generally seen in the best of schools.

DIVISION No. 7.

Summer term. Miss Helen F. Morton, of Lowell, teacher. Length of school, 3 months. Wages of teacher per month, $24. Whole number of scholars, 12. Average attendance, 10 3-4. No scholars under 5 or over 15 years of age.

Miss Morton's success in this school was rather limited. She seemed to lack in the capacity to govern, and thereby to secure good order and discipline in her school. There was a moderate degree of progress exhibited at the close of the term.

Winter term. Miss Ella Wilcox, teacher. Length of school, 3 months. Wages of teacher per month, $30. Whole number of scholars, 13. Average attendance, 12 1-2. No scholars under 5 or over 15 years of age.

Miss Wilcox succeeded admirably in this school. The deportment, progress and order of her school is equal to the best which comes under our observation. She ranks among our best teachers.

DIVISION No. 8.

Miss Grace Sargent, of Lowell, Mass., teacher. Length of school, 3 months. Wages of teacher per month, $24. Whole number of scholars, 20. Average attendance, 12. Number under 5 years of age, 1. Over 15 years, 1.

In regard to the management and progress of this school but little can be said, except the teacher was lacking in experience, in her capacity to govern, and skill in imparting knowledge, causing her school to result in nearly a failure.

WINSLOW SCHOOL.

P. A. Rich, esq., of Dennysville, Me., teacher. Length of school, 3 months. Wages of teacher per month, $70. Whole number of scholars, 62. Average attendance, 51. Number of scholars under 5 years of age, 0. Over 15 years, 23.

Mr. Rich is an old, experienced and practical teacher, having taught fifty-seven terms previous to this. He is prompt, energetic, and skillful in his vocation as teacher. All that skill, energy, and talent could accomplish, was brought to bear in behalf of his pupils. As a natural consequence the progress of his school was surprising in the extreme. There were over fifty visitors at the close of the term, who spoke in the highest terms of praise of the good order, prompt recitations, and great progress exhibited at the final examination. We would earnestly recommend to the Selectmen to secure the services of Mr. Rich, if possible, for the next session.

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1874.

Amount paid teachers		$1032 00
John Connell, building fires		2 00
Wood from John Chandler		7 00
H. Cummings, tuition of children at private school		5 00
Books, J. L. Hammett & Co.,		11 40
Frank Magoon, building fires		3 00
F. A Woodward, fitting wood for stove		5 15
Old bills, Chas. Coburn	$14 60	
" Benjamin Lawrence	9 46	33 51
" John Burham	9 45	
Wood at No. 2, H. Carkin, two cords and cutting		20 00
" Winslow, H. Carkin, 3¼ " "		23 44
" " J. F. Bancroft, 1 cord		8 50
		$1151 00

EXPENSE OF SUPERINTENDENCE BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. F. Bancroft, visiting schools	$33 50	
expenses to Boston	2 00	
postage and envelopes	25	
paid F. Andrews, for carrying teacher to No. 2	50	
3 visits to Lowell and expenses	6 75	
express on books	50	
2 days writing	5 00	
horse hire	1 00	
		$49 50
H. Carkin, to 37 school visits	46 25	
4 visits to J. F. Bancroft, to adjust school difficulties	5 00	
2 days' canvassing divisions 6 and 7 to decide the time of commencing schools	5 00	
2 journeys to Lowell and expenses	3 75	
		60 00
I. S. Knight, 28 school visits	63 00	
2 journeys to Lowell to hire teacher	2 00	
		65 00
Total expense of superintendence by the committee		$174 50

REMARKS.

We offer a few remarks at the close of our report in regard to some items which have come under our personal observation.

First, the propensity of some scholars to absent themselves from school as much as possible, especially on days when visited by committees and others. We recommend to parents and guardians to look into this matter, and secure as prompt and regular attendance as possible. We also recommend co-operation between parents and teacher. A conflict of rules and laws between parents and teacher is always detrimental in all schools. Fault finding, on the part of parents, also has an evil tendency; scholars who come under its influence lose all respect for their teacher, and consequently pay little or no regard to the rules of the school; as a result, the progress of such pupils is very small; nor is this all; the trouble does not stop here; such scholars divert the attention of their schoolmates, interrupt the recitations, and the best directed efforts of the teacher are required to restore quiet and order. Parents, look to this in its proper light, give these considerations the weight they deserve. It should be our aim to secure the services of good teachers, and sustain and encourage them in their position as far as is proper.

The position of teacher is not an enviable one; there are many trials to encounter, many difficulties to overcome. The foundation of knowledge is laid in our primary schools; we can, therefore, see the all important matter of regular attendance, also, obedience to the rules of the school and respect for the teacher.

If we wish to maintain our national prosperity and preserve our integrity, we must see to the proper training and educating of the young. Our schools for the year just closed have been very good, with one or two exceptions. Let it be our aim to have them as good if not better in future. Parents, visit your schools and encourage both teacher and scholars by your presence, and see for yourself the discipline, order and progress of your children.

We close by saying, that a good moral education is the surer way to secure happiness, prosperity and all the blessings we enjoy in this life. We have the means of securing these blessings if we will; let us see that they are ours.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. BANCROFT,
HENRY CARKIN,
I. S. KNIGHT, } Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee chosen to settle with the Town Treasurer, J. G. Upton, have attended to that duty, and find his accounts well vouched and correctly cast, and are as follows:

The Treasurer charges himself with the receipt of the following sums, viz:

By cash in the Treasurer's hands brought to new account	$2,074 53
By cash received for dog tax	53 54
Old iron	21 60
Overdrawn, J. F. Bancroft	7 75
Collector, 1871	300 00
1872	1,457 00
1873	802 50
1873	974 37
1873	562 27
State Aid	27 87
Corporation Tax	134 31
Bank Tax	113 26
Collector, 1873	281 08
Rufus Allen	700 00
School Fund	120 24
Corporation Tax	164 07
Interest on taxes, 1871	77 44
Collector, 1871	50 03
1872	200 00
1873	239 15
1873	727 00
J. W. Marshall	13 13
Total receipts	$9,101 14

The Treasurer credits himself with the payment of the following sums, viz:

To cash paid E. Bancroft, board and charges	74 20
Interest on D. Lawrence note	180 00
State Tax	562 50
On order No. 77	50 00
Treasurer's services	25 00

LIST OF OLD ORDERS PAID.

To cash paid order No. 43, J. Keyes	27	50
46, N. Brinley	38	43
50, J. M. Chandler	5	00

LIST OF NEW ORDERS PAID.

To cash paid order No. 1, D. K. Glover	97	90
2, J. W. Marshall	44	92
3, J. Bancroft	19	70
4, J. Parham	21	00
5, Wm. Sherburne, jr	21	00
6, L. Butterfield	18	50
7, Wm. Sherburne, jr	30	00
8, W. Chandler	39	15
9, S. Woodward	114	52
10, Overseers of Poor	43	95
11, J. W. Marshall	15	63
12, A. Proctor	2	80
13, J. W. Marshall	152	70
14, G. H. Vinal	57	00
15, J. W. Marshall	59	51
16, C. Dutton	61	50
17, A. O. Peirce	17	00
18, G. H. Smith	169	63
19, J. Blodgett	10	80
20, C. Dutton	30	50
21, Overseers of Poor	26	00
22, L. Butterfield	19	00
23, J. F. Bancroft	21	40
24, Selectmen	21	75
25, J. W. Marshall	340	00
26, Wm. Sherburne, jr	156	87
27, R. S. Coburn	92	55
28, J. W. Marshall	32	20
29, J. H. Congdon	150	00
30, J. F. Bancroft	48	00
31, J. F. Bancroft	54	00
32, J. F. Bancroft	348	00
33, J. Parham	1169	00
34, T. J. Orne	60	00
35, J. W. Brooks	13	00
36, Sherburne & Keyes	3	78
37, J. Keyes	77	00
38, Selectmen	41	10
39, H. Carkin	15	00
40, Wm. Sherburne, jr	77	00
41, J. Drake	2	00

To cash paid order No.	42, J. Parham	65 75
	43, D. K. Glover	77 00
	44, P. Driscol	15 42
	45, J. F. Bancroft	153 00
	46, J. Blodgett	1500 00
	47, J. F. Bancroft	69 06
	48, J. Blodgett	77 00
	49, J. H. Congdon	75 00
	50, S. Waters	6 08
	51, H. Carkin	26 44
	52, I. S. Knight	40 00
	53, F. A. Woodward	3 90
	54, J. Parham	33 34
	55, C. A. Vinal	2 75
	56, H. C. Davis	35 33
	57, W. A. Ingalls	77 00
	58, A. Bryant	6 70
	59, J. Blodgett	225 00
	60, T. J. Orne	122 75
	61, O. P. Felker	77 00
	62, J. F. Bancroft	125 00
	63, G. Gilson	25 00
	64, J. F. Bancroft	276 00
	65, E. Swan	297 62
	66, H. Carkin	60 00
	67, F. Magoon	4 25
	68, Overseers of Poor	30 00
	69, R. S. Coburn	19 00
	70, Overseers of Poor	20 40
	71, Overseers of Poor	45 00
	72, J. F. Bancroft	29 55
	73, I. S. Knight	30 00
	74, S. Woodward	39 60
	75, J. Bancroft	8 50
	76, J. Keyes	6 00
	77, Outstanding	
	78, J. Parham	12 50
Total paid out		$8475 03
Balance in favor of the Town in the Treasurer's hands.		626 11

THE TOWN IS INDEBTED AS FOLLOWS:

To D. Lawrence, note and interest	$2,120 00	
Rufus Allen, " "	710 00	
Outstanding order	252 92	
		$3,082 92

AVAILABLE FUNDS.

Balance in Treasury.....	$626 11	
Uncollected taxes, 1872.....	78 78	
" 1873.....	650 89	
		1,355 78
Balance against the Town.....		$1,727 14

JOHN PARHAM,
EBENEZER BANCROFT,
DANIEL PARHAM,
} Committee to settle with the Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor of Tyngsborough submit the following report of the receipts and expenditures, &c., connected with the support of the poor, for the financial year ending March 31, '74.

Amount of personal property at the Almshouse, including tools, stock, household furniture, &c., as by appraisal of the Overseers:

March 29, 1873	$1,825 39	
March 28, 1874	1,648 03	
Loss on personal property		$177 36

INCOME FROM THE FARM, VS. J. H. CONGDON'S BOOK.

Received for Butter	$164 78	
Milk	221 73	
Calves	63 57	
Eggs and Poultry	38 01	
Beef, Pork and Lard	129 86	
Vegetables	19 38	
Labor of the Farm	19 50	
Wood and Lumber	20 25	
Boarding Mrs. Stevens	33 30	
Apples and Cider	11 55	
Cow and Calf	66 43	
2 Oxen	185 00	
Pigs	79 00	
Currants and Grapes	9 00	
Use of Bull	22 75	
Sundries	11 86	
		$1,095 97

BILLS PAID.

Paid for Grain and Shorts	$172 38
Flour	63 50
Salt	6 23
Crackers	17 90
Meat, Fish, &c.	32 89
Material and labor on house	61 56
Grass and Garden Seeds	13 67

Repairing Wagons	35 40	
Labor	162 25	
Groceries	98 26	
Blacksmithing	21 91	
2 Oxen	170 00	
2 Cows	120 00	
Coal	16 50	
Cloth and Clothing	42 90	
Stove-pipe, &c	5 92	
Sundries	90 00	
Superintendent's salary	500 00	
Bills paid on farm	$1,631 27	
Income from the farm	1,095 97	
Expenditures over receipts		$535 30
Credit by cash in hands of Superintendent		
April 1, 1873	$7 38	
July 3, by Town order	150 00	
Nov. 4, "	75 00	
March 31, 1874, by Town order, to balance account	302 92	
		$535 30
Interest estimated on real estate	300 00	
" Personal property	98 88	
Loss on personal property	177 36	
Dr. Chas. Dutton, medical attendance	61 50	
Insurance on buildings	33 82	
Expenditures over receipts	535 30	
		$1,206 86

Makes $1,206 86 as the cost of supporting the poor inside of the Almshouse.

The interest of the Lawrence Fund is included in the expenditures.

Average number of persons supported in the Almshouse the past year, 3 5-12.

The number assisted out of the Almshouse, 3.

The number receiving assistance by two meals and lodging at the Almshouse, 77.

The number receiving assistance by feeding and lodging out of the Almshouse, 27.

Number of paupers on the farm, 4, viz: Samuel Kidder, Mary Ingalls, Willard S. Peirce, Edwin Nutting.

EXPENSE OF POOR AWAY FROM ALMSHOUSE.

Miss Hulda Adalof, State pauper, board, nursing and medical attendance.....	$56 50	
Edwin Nutting, four weeks' board.....	4 00	
Nathaniel Merrill, for assistance.....	30 00	
Sumner Woodward, for feeding and lodging 27 trampers.....	24 00	
		$114 50
Due from State for State pauper.....		56 50
Leaving as the cost of supporting the poor away from the Almshouse.....		$58 00
Add expense of poor at Almshouse.....		1,206 86
Total expense for the support of the poor..		1,264 86

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SUMNER WOODWARD,
WILLIAM SHERBURNE, Jr.,
JOHN P. COBURN,
} Overseers of the Poor of Tyngsboro'.

March 31, 1874.